

of the voluntary organizations. The monitoring and evaluation is carried out through the State Government, UT administration and Designated Agencies. Second installment of grant-in-aid in each year is sanctioned only after the receipt of satisfactory report from State Government/UT administration or Designated Agencies.

(d) List of NGOs receiving grant-in-aid of last two years have been prepared and sent to all MPs of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. This has been done with the objective of achieving transparency and accountability and to facilitate social audit of the Organizations receiving grant from the Ministry.

Miserly attitude of Government towards funding of welfare schemes for Blinds

1661. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government adopt a miserly attitude towards funding welfare schemes for blinds;

(b) if so, the reasons for discrimination with the physically challenged disabilities; and

(d) the action proposed to spend adequately for education of all blind Children as welfare measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Schemes to promote special education including special schools for children with disabilities (including visual impairment) are already being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. As per the National Education Policy and also under the persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 children with disabilities, including children with visual disabilities are to be given education in

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integrated schools as far as possible. To facilitate this process, the Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education under the Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC).

Setting up of District Rehabilitation Centres for Handicapped in Rural Areas

†1662. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up District Rehabilitation Centres for physically handicapped persons in rural areas;

(b) if so, the names of State where District Rehabilitation Centres have been set up, so far;

(c) whether District Rehabilitation Centres have been set up in Bihar; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when these Centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment set up 11 District Rehabilitation Centres in the following 10 States—Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Harayana, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.

(c) and (d) No Sir, since limited financial resources were available for setting up District Rehabilitation Centres, therefore, DRCs could not be set up in all states including Bihar.

A programme similar to the DRC scheme called National Programme for Rehabilitation for Persons with Disability (NPRPD)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.